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New restaurant opens in Emporium, serves up cheese

BY ALLISON FARRELLY
News Reporter

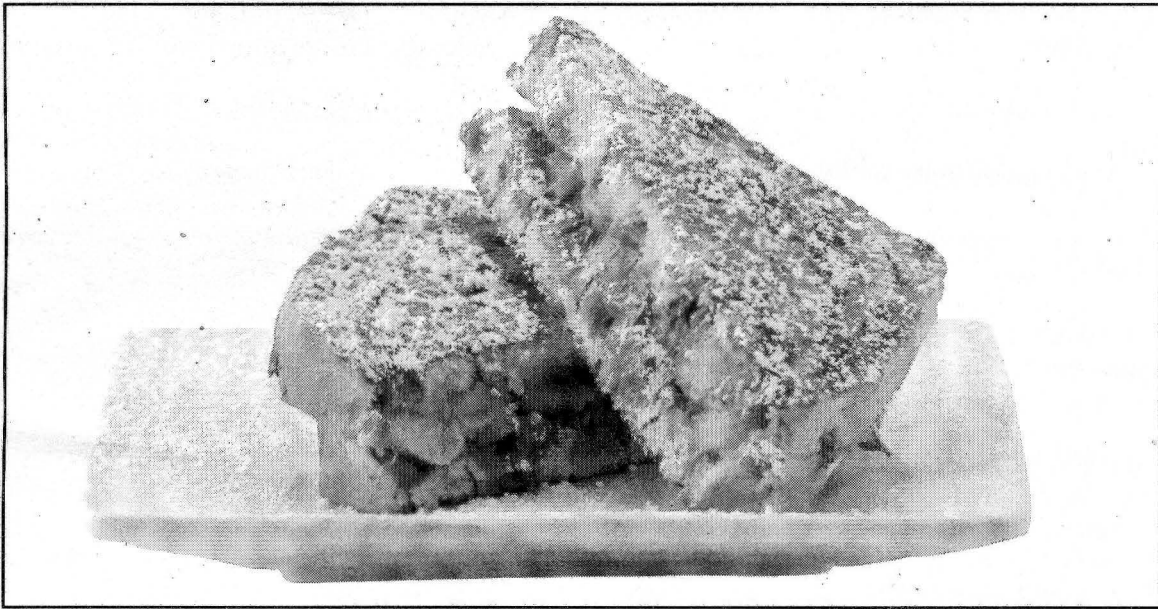
The Kingston Emporium has a new restaurant whose only goal is to make gourmet grilled cheese "so good Umelt."

Located next to the Burger Shack in the Emporium, Umelt opened Jan. 21 and was created by Fire and Water, the restaurant group owned by Jonathan Kauffman and Ben Wood that owns both Caliente and the Burger Shack, both located in the emporium.

Current University of Rhode Island Junior and business and marketing major Nic Padula played an integral role as graphic designer in creating Umelt and is currently both the manager and social media coordinator.

"There's a stigma with grilled cheese where people think it's just bread and cheese, but as you can see from the menu there's a lot of other stuff in there as well," Padula said.

Featuring sandwiches with names like "The Vermonster," "The Dessert," and "The White Trash," (which contains both pulled pork and macaroni and cheese) Umelt is not one for playing safe. "It's been a



Courtesy of UMelt

The Nutella sandwich is one of many creations served up at Umelt in the Kingston Emporium.

trend in other parts of the county so we thought why not bring it to Rhode Island," Padula said. "And a college campus is a great place to start."

Padula has been involved with Umelt since the naming. "I actually got a text, the owner texted me, and said hey what do you think of Umelt?" Padula said. Given the color scheme for the restaurant, Padula designed the stickers, logo, and wall decals.

Though the name was originally intended to stand for "University Melt," according to Padula people often misinterpret the name. "They see the name and they're like 'Oh you melt it!'" Padula said. "It's all good though."

And so far, according to Wood, Kauffman and Padula, it's working out. "We do really well for lunch, less so for dinner but we're getting there," Padula said.

In order to attract college students, Umelt knows they

have to not only be interactive, but have a large social media footprint. "We leave comment cards on the tables," Padula said. "We're trying to get ideas when we're still young."

In regards to social media, Umelt has a Twitter, an Instagram and a Facebook. Padula has recently implemented an Instagram promotion that allows any student who Instagrams a picture while at Umelt, hashtags #umelt, and follows Umelt on

Instagram to be entered into a lottery which draws every Monday and rewards the winner with a free sandwich.

One of Wood and Kaufman's goals was to create a restaurant that could one day be turned into a chain. "We're planning to head towards Providence or Warwick if this works out," Padula said.

The physical design of the restaurant was intended to make the potential future transition to becoming a chain restaurant an easy one. With bright wall colors, cool furniture, a counter made out of shed tile, and pop-art logos with saying such as "Cheesier than your mom's," and "Grilled dankness," Umelt has a young, streamline feeling.

"Some people complain that it's too bright in here," Padula said. "They're like 'I'm going to go over to the Burger Shack where it's nice and dark.'"

Despite the occasional complaint of bright lights, so far the unique gourmet creations have kept students and faculty alike coming back for more. "Umelt is a novelty," Padula said. "People want to try the new thing that's here."

Men's basketball spoils lead, loses to St. Bonaventure 67-61

BY MIKE ABELSON
Sports Editor

Another game, another single-digit loss. The University of Rhode Island men's basketball team as it faded late and lost to St. Bonaventure University 67-61 on Saturday night. It was the Rams' 10th single-digit loss of the season.

"Tough to take; they're all tough to take," Rhode Island head coach Dan Hurley said. "It's like watching a movie with too many sequels."

Like most of Rhode Island's games this season the Rams came out strong early. Paced by 13 points from junior Xavier Munford, Rhody

was able to lead for the majority of the half and lead by six points at the break. Munford finished with a team-high 18 points.

As has been the case for the Rams this season, a quality first half was ruined by an opposing run to start the second. On Saturday the Bonnies opened the second half with a 7-0 run to take the lead.

"We're not a good team," Hurley said, "I was thrilled that we were winning at half-time based on where we're at. We're trying some psychological things and trying to get the guys out earlier to warm up sooner. I think we're still

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Rhody pic of the day



Melissa Lichtman | Cigar

Students commuting to the University of Rhode Island find parking in between snow banks as snow remains piled up following the blizzard this past weekend.

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Pick up tomorrow's issue of the Cigar to read about an alumna who started a lingerie company.

Wondering how the Celtics are doing without one of their best players?
See page 4.

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Representative At-Large

Joe Korzeb

Fellow Students, My name is Joe Korzeb, and I am a freshman running for an At-Large bid to the Student Senate. I am a dual-major in Political Science and Spanish, from Ellington, CT. If elected, I will bring honesty and accountability to the Student Senate. I believe that I share common goals and interests with most of the student body. I humbly ask for your vote on February 13th or 14th. Thank you!

Tyler Meehan

Looking for that new fresh look to the student senate? Well, my name is Tyler Meehan and as a freshmen here at URI I am ready to make an impact in our university's community. I was a peer leader and worked with student council back in high school. I'm ready to represent our students in a positive manner and help bring activities to our school that are so exciting, kids from UMASS will be jealous.

Adam Schmuter

I am running to be your representative because I am both a listener and a speaker. One term served, now looking ahead. TruSchmu 2013 - Settle with Schmuter

Nicholas Hetland

Hello URI! My name is Nicholas Hetland and I am running at large for a student senate position. Currently I am studying civil engineering. When I am not enveloped in my studies I am involved in various club and intramural sports as well as Greek life. My dedication to the university along with my organization and analytical skills make me a great candidate to represent the student body and their goals. So let's get going!

Peter Natowich

Hello Rhody Rams! My name is Peter Natowich and I am running for a position on the at-large representatives of the Student Senate. As a representative, not only would I want to hear what you have to say, but I will want to put your words and thoughts into action. I want to help you! Vote for me in the Memorial Union on February 13th and 14th and your voices will be heard. Thank you!

Ansley Stuart

My name is Ansley Stuart, and I was born and raised in Vernon, New Jersey. I have been on student senate for my

entire freshman year and hope to continue on senate for the rest of my college career here at URI. I'm a political science major and I have a passion for helping others through leadership. I really have loved senate so far, and would love nothing more than to continue it.

Tyler Boiteau

My name is Tyler Boiteau and I am running for a Student At-Large Representative. I decided to join Student Senate because I enjoy being involved with what goes on with the student body. I am a good candidate for this position because I have the experience from high school government and time on Student Senate last semester. With my experience and responsibility I will be able to help the student body have a great time.

Aristides Kappatos

My name is Aristides Kappatos. I am running for at large representative for URI's Student Senate. My goal is to be involved in making helpful decisions that benefit the students as well as the university as a whole. I want to represent the students and ensure our voices are heard throughout the URI community. I hope to serve you, the students, well as a future URI senator. Feel free to contact me at akappatos@my.uri.edu

Jacob Lanoie

Hello fellow URI students! My name is Jacob Lanoie and I am a sophomore accounting major. There are many names on that ballot and for that reason I am asking for your vote! In the past I have been a Freshman Representative and an On-Campus Representative. This time I am running as an At-Large Representative. I believe that my experience and my knowledge help students and student organizations move in a positive direction.

Jenna Solomon

Hi, my name is Jenna Solomon and I am rerunning for Senate. I have been a part of the Senate family for a semester now, and I have really enjoyed serving the community! Last semester I was a member of the Cultural Committee, which was responsible for putting on Ace of Cakes as well as various campus projects. Please vote for me so that I can continue being a part of this great organization!

Cara LoBianco

I'm Cara LoBianco and I'm

a dedicated and committed sophomore studying Kinesiology and Nutrition. If I get elected to join Senate I promise I'll put 110% effort into advocating for students to make this university an even better place to learn. My studies are going toward helping people in the future and I'd like to start now as a member of Student Senate.

Rachel McAteer

I'm Rachel. How ya doin'?! With a semester of Senate behind me already I'm hoping to get re-elected as an At-Large Rep. I won't bore you with 'credentials' because we're all shining stars, but I will say that I have genuinely enjoyed my time as an At-Large rep AND would like nothing more than to hold one of those seats again sooo I would LOVE your vote! You stay classy San Diego... I mean URI.

Joe Maynard

My name is Joe Maynard and I am currently running to be an At-Large Representative in the Student Senate. I would consider myself to be a valid candidate because I am dedicated and passionate about the responsibility and duties of the Student Senate, while also having a year of experience on Senate. With an open mind, I plan on incorporating new ideas and new opportunities to better the University experience. Thank you.

Luke Stabile

My name is Luke Stabile and I am aspiring to become a member of the student senate. I am currently a freshman tour guide as well as a member of the best buddies organization on campus. As a member of the Student Senate, I will do my very best to get other students involved in campus activities and make decisions that transform the University of Rhode Island into a superior place to learn.

Alva Poulos

Hello, I am Alva Poulos and I am running to become an At-Large representative. I am a freshman majoring in Psychology. On weekends I work at South County Hospital as a CNA and I'm also an associate member of Best Buddies for URI. I have had a lot of experience on student councils in the past. I think I'd be a great fit for the job, bringing your voice and ideas to the table!

Brian Sit

I'm Brian Sit & I'm great!

waka waka nomnomnom. I'm the President of the GSA, Secretary of the College Democrats, and the current Senator from the College of Engineering. ** You should write me and Jacob Lanoie in for President and Vice President too! No, Seriously. If we haven't met yet visit - <http://sitmonkey.com> - otherwise you already know how great it would be if I were President of the Student Senate. **

College of Business Representative

Thomas Thees

Good afternoon URI, my name is Thomas Thees and I am running for Senate for the College of Business Administration. My goal is to be an enthusiastic and effective voice for the student body. I will work diligently everyday to make your student experience in the College of Business not only the most fun but also the most productive. I am committed to excellence and improving the overall student experience.

Tim Walker

I am currently on Student Senate as the University College Representative. I would like to represent you and the College of Business now that I am in the College for Supply Chain Management. I am the kind of person who will listen carefully to you and bring your recommendations and concerns to Dean Boyd. I want to make the College of Business the best it can possibly be!

Lucy Gildein

Hi my name is Lucy Gildein and I am a member of the Women's Soccer team. I am looking forward to having the opportunity of representing the College Business on student senate. Let's Go Rhody!!!!!!!!!!!!!! "We are all inventors, each sailing out on a voyage of discovery, guided each by a private chart, of which there is no duplicate. The world is all gates, all opportunities." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

College of Pharmacy Representative

Kristen Knoph

My name is Kristen Knoph and I am running for reelection for College of Pharmacy Representative. I served in this position for the past year and I am looking forward to another successful term. As the college liaison, I have built a strong relationship with Dean

Jordon and was able to establish an open line of communication between the COP and Student Senate. If elected, I plan to continue to represent and advocate for pharmacy students.

Kyungwan Hong

Hello, my name is Hong, currently a P2 pharmacy student, and I am very pleased to introduce myself as a student senate candidate. I have worked diligently to become a student leader in various places such as URI department of housing and academic enhancement center. If I become a student senate, I will humbly listen all the comments about school and do my best to make this campus better and more exciting. Thank you!

University College Representative

Emma Van Loon

I believe I am well equipped to hold this position. I have attended the URI Leadership Institute that URI offers and have recently been invited to Phi Eta Sigma National Honors Society. I am dedicated to making this school the best it can be and so that the student population at URI can feel that someone has their best interests in mind. I am ready to serve URI. Please Vote Emma Van Loon.

Caitie Runyon

Hey everyone! My name is Caitie Runyon, I am a freshman running for the University College Senate Representative! My involvement at URI started at the Leadership Institute the week-end before move-in; since then, I've been a Leadership Ambassador and have begun pursuing the Leadership Minor here at URI. I am also involved in Student Admissions Representatives and Habitat for Humanity. I am ecstatic to be more involved by becoming your Senate Rep for University College!

Brittany Siter

My name is Brittany Siter and I am a freshman here at URI. I was treasurer of my senior class in high school as well as the representative of my school on an exchange program to Egypt in 2009. I am a great team player and a great people person. If elected for University College representative, I will do everything in my power to give the underclassmen (especially freshman) a voice. Vote for me!

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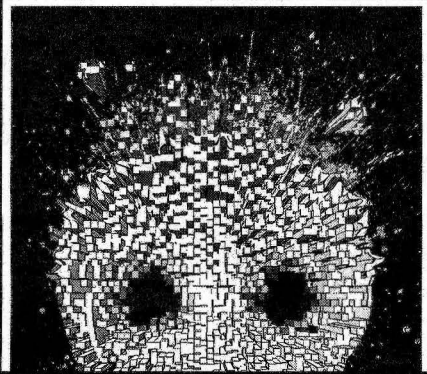
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M. Basketball

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at the point in the program where when we're up at half-time we lose some fear. We didn't play with that fearful respect of our opponent in the second half."

The lead changed hands seven times in the second half, but the Bonnies, paced by 21 points from Eric Mosley, were able to come up with clutch shots at big moments. A three-pointer from Mosley with 22 seconds left put the Bonnies up four and iced the game.

"Last couple minutes of a game guys got to step forward and believe in [themselves]," Hurley said. "You've got to be surrounded by other players who lift you up and are confident in. It's a program, cultural feel thing that won't be extinguished until everyone here is wired that way."

Rhode Island's young front court continued to show signs of improvement.

Freshman Mike Aaman stepped up in a big way off the bench. In only nine minutes of play, Aaman pumped in eight points and pulled down four rebounds. Freshman center Jordan Hare

had a strong second half with eight points and five rebounds. He also had three blocks.

"I was happy with Mike," Hurley said. "As lost as he and Jordan are at times out there they did some pretty nice things. For freshmen against a pretty good team, a pretty physical team, I thought they showed more poise and more production than our older guys."

The Rams have seven more games this season, but making the Atlantic-10 Conference tournament looks more difficult bleaker each time out. Two of Rhody's remaining games come against teams in NCAA tournament contention (La Salle University and Temple University), and the Rams will also host Xavier University in a week.

Hurley said that as long as his team is mathematically in the hunt the season is not over.

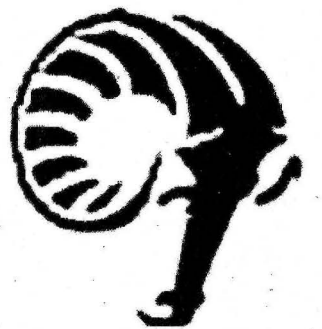
"We still have seven opportunities," Hurley said. "We've got to find a way here to stay competitive and put ourselves in the hunt."

"I hear so many things from people about the great job our guys are doing. People respect the job we're doing, but it's hard to look at

that record in reality. It's a hard thing to own every day, but you've got to be a man, get to the gym every day and try to get better."

With the record now at 6-16, Hurley promised that a season like this would not be repeated during his tenure in Kingston.

"This is never happening to me again," Hurley said. "It just isn't. I know it's coming. I see young players developing. I see real talent coming in that we've evaluated that are going to be game changers. You've got to excuse me if I don't handle losing great. I'm just not used to it at this level, but this will never happen again."



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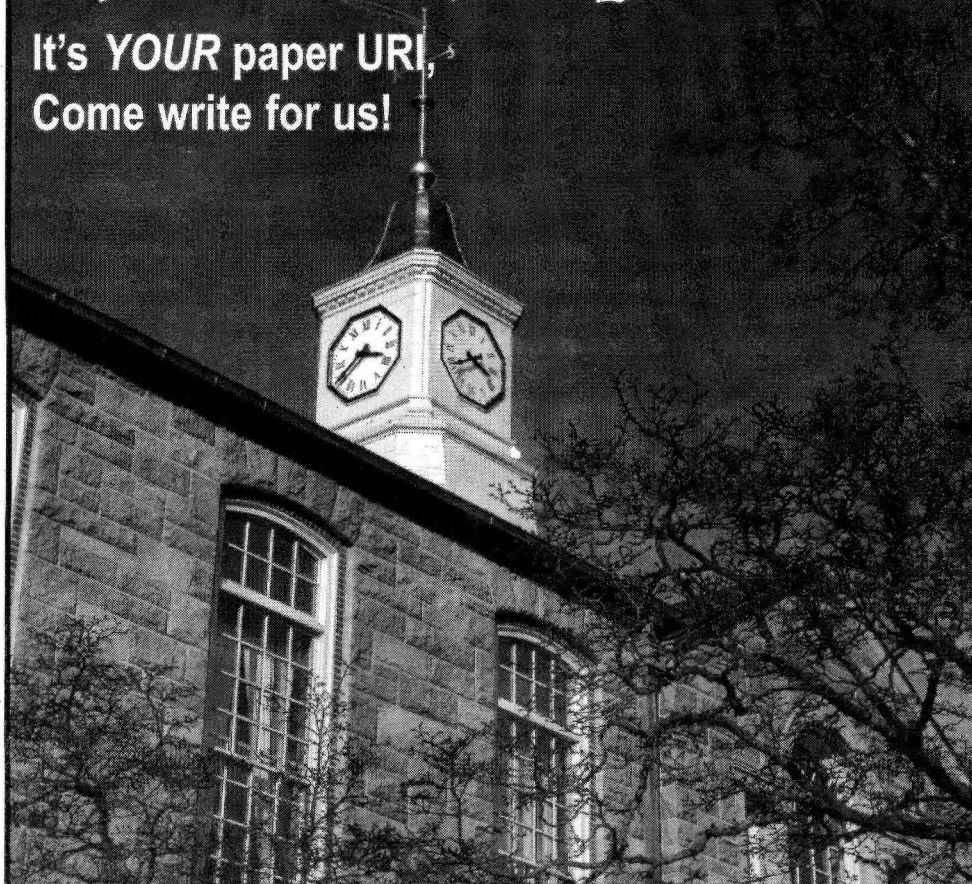
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Rhody SPORTS



Women's hockey to host ECWHL Playoffs this weekend, look to recapture league title after two-year drought

BY JAKE MARROCCO
Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island women's ice hockey team has flirted countless times with the No. 1 spot in the American Collegiate Hockey Association's (ACHA) national rankings, opening the season on an 11-game winning streak and managing to score six or more goals on eight occasions this year.

The Rams seek to keep their season alive this weekend when they host the Eastern Collegiate Women's Hockey League (ECWHL) playoffs.

The squad has dominated the league in recent years, pulling in seven straight championships from 2003-10, with their dominance finally being brought to a halt by Northeastern University in 2011. In 2012, the Rams reclaimed their place atop the conference for their eighth victory in nine attempts.

Rhode Island, which is

currently ranked fourth in the country with an 18-6 record, has managed to go 10-3 against ECWHL competition.

However, The Rams have struggled with the ECWHL's other two tenants: Northeastern and the University of Massachusetts. Rhode Island split the season series with Northeastern 2-2.

Top-seeded UMas came out on top, 2-0, in their only game against the Rams this year. While the Minutewomen controlled every facet of the game and became only one of two teams to shut out Rhode Island, they were not facing the Rams' first-string junior goalie Kayla DiLorenzo nor were they tasked with working around sophomore Sydney Collins' vicious defense.

If Rhode Island is to snatch another ECWHL title, there are four players who must be on top of their game: DiLorenzo, Collins, sophomore Cassandra Catlow and junior Alisha DiFilippo.

DiLorenzo leads the ACHA in minutes this season with 1276. DiLorenzo has also posted a 16-5 record with three shutouts, all while turning away 93 percent of the shots she has faced. Her 1.69 goals-against average is also good for one of the best in the league. DiLorenzo has been a symbol of consistency in net and often rebounds well from losses. She will have to demonstrate this resiliency once more in the playoffs.

Collins was sidelined for several games through December and January because of a concussion. Her persistent and unrelenting defense, assisted by senior captain Lauren Hillberg, played a role in Rhody winning its first 11 games. If the Rams are to revel in ECWHL glory once more, Collins will have to show her division rivals that she is ready to play with the same tenacity and fervor with which she played with the first half of the season.

Catlow and DiFilippo accounted for 41 of Rhode Island's 67 goals this season. Both players have also been on a recent tear, racking up 12 of their team's last 21 goals in a six-game span.

In games where both Catlow and DiFilippo net a goal, the Rams are 9-0 this year. However, when neither can manage to score, Rhode Island only has a 3-3 record. If Catlow and DiFilippo can both harness their goal-scoring potential during the tournament the sky's the limit for Rhody.

While these four players are crucial to Rhode Island's success this postseason, there will also have to be contributions made from other areas of the team. Sophomore Kristy Kennedy and freshman Brenna Callahan have made their presences known by scoring clutch goals recently, and key defensive minutes from freshman MaryKate Stimpson will prove to be helpful as well.

Column: Celtics resilient, but not better without Rondo

BY BRANDON MAXWELL
Sports Staff Reporter

It's been 18 days since Boston Celtics star Rajon Rondo went down with a season-ending knee injury. If you're one of those fans who thought this would be a blessing in disguise, think again.

Although the Celtics had a seven-game winning streak after the all-star guard went down, like their loss to the 11-39 Charlotte Bobcats on Monday night reinforces the notion that this team isn't the same if No. 9 isn't on the floor.

The C's began 7-0 without Rondo and beat some very good teams. A win is a win, but the Celtics barely outlasted a Los Angeles Clippers team without Chris Paul and snuck away with wins against Miami and Denver in overtime. That required some great performances from the likes of Paul Pierce, among others, but Rondo is simply a unique talent. If you expect the Celtics to

win 88 percent of their games for the rest of the season, you're mistaken. As for the teams the Celtics faced that aren't named the Miami Heat, Clippers or the Denver Nuggets, their combined record is 89-168 as of February 12. It's safe to say a majority of the teams Boston has recently faced will be playing golf instead of basketball come playoff time.

Another argument that surfaced since Rondo's injury is that the Celtics weren't good when he was playing. I find this true, as he was lacking much of what makes up Celtics basketball.

Avery Bradley, who has plenty of potential and is, in my opinion, already one of the best defensive guards in the league, missed the first 33 games of the season. He and Rondo were a good pairing last season, but this year the duo only played 12 games together. The guys barely had any time to reconnect between injuries.

On top of that, Jason Terry

and Jeff Green only began playing well in the past couple of weeks. The two held the team down in the first half whether you want to believe it or not. Terry started the season with his lowest points per game average since his rookie season. Green also began with career lows in points, assists and rebounds. Since Rondo's departure, both have had double digit points in all but one game, including Terry's 26 points and Green's 17 in the overtime thriller against Denver, as well as three steals from Terry and three blocks from Green.

The main player dominating in Rondo's wake has been Paul Pierce. After an up and down first half, Pierce has carried the guard's load and once again become the leader of the green and white. Had he and fellow veteran Kevin Garnett, among others, played even decent ball consistently prior to Rondo's injury, this team could be sitting pretty as the fourth or fifth seed in the abysmal

Eastern Conference instead of bouncing between the seventh and eighth spots.

Whether you're a fan of Rondo and his outbursts or not, you can't deny he is an amazing player. Sure, he's been known to ever so slightly graze refs with his shoulder and yes, he did tell off league officials and shove Kris Humphries in the stands, but wouldn't we all if we had the chance? He's still the NBA's third-best guard, only behind the likes of the aforementioned Paul and Chicago's Derrick Rose.

Just mull it over for a second. Although the Celtics have been playing well as of late, I can't expect too much from them until they win against good competition consistently. If the Celtics' chances of winning the championship were low already, they're nearly nonexistent at this point. But if there's one thing we've all learned as Boston fans, it's to never say never.

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